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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-4 (Canceled).

Please cancel Claims 5-11.

Claims 12 and 13 (Canceled)

Please cancel Claims 14-18.

19. (Original) A method for covering a baby with a blanket, the baby being carried in a front-worn baby carrier, the blanket having a pouch portion, a first arm extension portion and a second arm extension portion, the pouch portion having a first mechanism constricting an opening of the pouch portion, the pouch portion having a second mechanism for adjusting a depth of the pouch portion, the method comprising:

- using the second mechanism to adjust the depth of the pouch portion;
- slipping the pouch portion up around the legs of the baby such that the legs of the baby extend into the pouch portion through the opening;
- using the first mechanism to constrict the opening around the baby;
- wrapping the first arm extension portion around the baby carrier such that the first arm extension portion extends between a person wearing the baby carrier and at least a portion of the baby carrier;

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wrapping the second arm extension portion around the baby carrier such that the second arm extension portion extends between the person and at least a portion of the baby carrier; and

detachably coupling the first arm extension portion and the second arm extension portion together at a location on the opposite side of the baby carrier with respect to the person.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 19, wherein the pouch portion, the first arm extension portion and the second arm extension portion comprise fleece material, wherein the first arm extension portion has a substantially triangular shape, wherein the second arm extension portion has a substantially triangular shape, and wherein the first and second arm extension portions are detachably coupled together by tying the first and second arm extension portions together.

21.(Previously Presented) A method for using a fabric article to cover a baby, the baby being carried in a front-worn baby carrier, the fabric article including a pouch portion, a first arm extension portion, and a second arm extension portion, the method comprising:

slipping the pouch portion of the fabric article up around the legs of the baby when the baby is in the front-worn baby carrier;

wrapping the first arm extension portion around the baby carrier such that the first arm extension portion extends between a person wearing the baby carrier and at least a portion of the baby carrier;

wrapping the second arm extension portion around the baby carrier such that the second arm extension portion extends between the person and at least a portion of the baby carrier; and

tying the first arm extension portion and the second arm extension portion together at a location on the opposite side of the baby carrier with respect to the person.

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22.(Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein the fabric article further includes a back portion that extends upward from the pouch portion, wherein if the fabric article is laying flat with the pouch portion collapsed and the first and second arm extension portions extended and laying flat then the pouch portion has a width, the first arm extension portion extending laterally from the pouch portion a distance that is substantially greater than the width of the pouch portion, the second arm extension portion extending laterally from the pouch portion a distance that is substantially greater than the width of the pouch portion.

23.(Previously Presented) A method comprising:

orienting a baby blanket such that at least a portion of a front-worn baby carrier is between a back portion of the baby blanket and a person wearing the baby carrier, wherein the baby blanket includes the back portion, a pouch portion, a first arm extension portion, and a second arm extension portion, wherein the back portion extends upward from the pouch portion, wherein the pouch portion has a width, wherein the first arm extension portion has a length that is substantially greater than the width of the pouch portion, wherein the second arm extension portion has a length that is substantially greater than the width of the pouch portion, and wherein the pouch portion has an opening, the opening having an adjustable circumference;

wrapping the first arm extension portion around the baby carrier such that the first arm extension portion extends between the chest of the person and at least a portion of the baby carrier;

wrapping the second arm extension portion around the baby carrier such that the second arm extension portion extends between the chest of person and at least a portion of the baby carrier; and

detachably coupling the first arm extension portion to the second arm extension portion at a location on the opposite side of the baby carrier with respect to the person.

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24.(Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein the length of the first arm extension portion is at least twice the width of the pouch portion, and wherein the length of the second arm extension portion is at least twice the width of the pouch portion.

25.(New) The method of Claim 19, wherein the blanket comprises a back portion that extends upward from the pouch portion when the blanket is viewed upright from a frontal perspective,

wherein the first arm extension portion has a substantially triangular shape and has a vertical side, wherein the vertical side of the first arm extension portion extends upward from a location A on the pouch portion, along a first vertical side of the pouch portion and upward along a first vertical side of the back portion to a location B,

wherein a second arm extension portion has a substantially triangular shape and has a vertical side, wherein the vertical side of the second arm extension portion extends upward from a location C on the pouch portion, along a second side of the pouch portion and upward along a second vertical side of the back portion to a location D, and

wherein locations A and C are located below the level of the opening in the pouch portion.